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Stiff fighting continued three to five miles northwest of Phnom Penh's airport yesterday as the government counterattack in the area entered its second day. Government troops appear for the moment to have stemmed the Communist drive and have freed 3,000 villagers held briefly by the Communists. Communist forces remain within artillery and rocket range of the capital both on this front and on the east bank of the Mekong River just upstream from the capital. Yesterday's rocket attack on the airport damaged three helicopters. Farther afield, US Army attaches yesterday inspected the previously interdicted section of Route 4 southwest of Kompong Speu City and reported extensive damage both to the road bed and to highway bridges.

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